

Libido language

Libido (also known as **Mareqo**, **Mareko**) is an Afroasiatic language of Ethiopia, which is spoken in the Mareko district Gurage Zone of the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and People's Region, directly south-east of Butajira.^[1] It has about 64,000 native speakers (2007 census).

It is closely related to Hadiyya (a dialect per Blench 2006) within the Highland East Cushitic languages. Its syntax is SOV; its verb has passive, reflexive and causative constructions, as well as a middle voice.

Notes

1.

Libido (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/liq/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)

2.

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Libido	
Native to	Ethiopia
Region	Gurage, Hadiya, Kembata regions
Native speakers	64,000 (2007 census) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic - Cushitic - Highland East - Hadiyya Libido
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	liq
Glottolog	libi1250 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/libi1250) ^[2]

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